

35. The process plant of claim 29, wherein the cooling area includes means for producing a cool stream of air.

36. The process plant of claim 32 further comprising scraper means for cleaning the moving belt.

#### REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is made on the basis of International Application GB99/03072 as published by the International Bureau and disregards subsequent amendments before the IPEA/EP. This preliminary amendment, however, places the national stage application in substantially the same form as that in which the International Application was in when the IPEA/EP issued a favorable International Preliminary Examination Report. Multiple dependency has been removed from the claims.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

*In the Specification:*

Paragraph spanning pages 4-5 has been amended as follows:

According to the present invention there is provided a process for recycling fines produced during the production of powder coatings comprising the steps of:

depositing the fines onto conveyor means as a series of continuous lines;

heating the lines of fines without fully melting or cross-linking them until they become sufficiently tacky to form [an] agglomerated [mass] masses;

cooling such agglomerated [mass] masses; and

[processing] collecting the agglomerated [mass] masses [to produce particles of a desired particle size].

Fourth full paragraph on page 5 has been amended as follows:

Further preferably [, after crushing,] the resulting particles have a size of 3 mm to 212 microns.

Sixth full paragraph on page 5 has been amended as follows:

One [, non-limiting,] example of a recycling process [in accordance with the present invention] will now be described with reference to a production trial that was carried out by us, and which is described herein below.

Fourth paragraph of page 9 has been amended as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 3, in a [second embodiment of a] processing plant suitable for carrying out the recycling process of the present invention, the continuously

moving belt is replaced by a screw feed unit 14a, that is, the fines feed hopper 11 feeds the fines 15 to be recycled into a screw feed unit 14a that is driven by motor 14c.

Paragraph spanning pages 10-11 has been amended as follows:

Although the recycling process of the present invention has been described by way of example to the fines being processed in a batch tray oven, or a moving conveyor belt and in a screw feed chamber, it is to be understood that the process could also be carried out in any other heating or curing apparatus which could achieve the partial cure profile as described [in this patent] herein.

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